

## Message Text

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FM AMEMBASSY SUVA

TO SECSTATE WASHDC PRIORITY 6330

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FOR CU/EA LEMON, EA/ANP GALLAGHER

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS4 EAID, ETEL

SUBJECT: UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH PACIFIC SATELLITE PROPOSAL

REF: A) STATE 169210, B) STATE 132681

1. THE EMBASSY IS CONCERNED ABOUT THE CONTENTS AND TONE OF  
REF A.

2. SUPPORT FOR USP SATELLITE PROJECT HAS BEEN AN ESSENTIAL  
PART OF THE OVERALL SOUTH PACIFIC ASSISTANCE PACKAGE RESULTING  
FROM GULICK/IMUS SURVEY IN JANUARY AND FEBRUARY 1977.

3. SINCE THE REPORT WAS SUBMITTED AND DURING SUBSEQUENT  
WORKING GROUP MEETINGS IN WASHINGTON, WE HAVE BEEN LED TO  
BELIEVE THAT USP JUSTIFICATION OF PROJECT WAS STRONG ENOUGH  
TO WARRANT AID'S SUPPORT AND THAT ONLY TECHNICAL DETAILS RE-  
MAINED TO BE CLARIFIED.

4. WITHDRAWAL OF AID'S SUPPORT AT THIS TIME WOULD  
SERIOUSLY JEOPARDIZE OUR RELATIONS WITH THE UNIVERSITY  
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AND WOULD HAVE MAJOR ADVERSE IMPACT NOT ONLY IN FIJI  
BUT IN ENTIRE SOUTH PACIFIC REGION.

5. REQUEST LEMON AND GALLAGHER CONSULT WITH AID  
COUNTERPARTS TO DETERMINE WHAT FURTHER JUSTIFICATION  
IS NECESSARY TO PROCEED WITH PROJECT.

6. EMBASSY BELIEVES IT IS POSSIBLE TO MAKE A STRONG CASE TO SHOW THAT SATELLITE PROJECT WOULD SERVE NEEDS OF ALL POPULATION SECTIONS OF SOUTH PACIFIC REGION AND WOULD INDEED "IMPACT DIRECTLY ON THE POOR MAJORITY OF ANY RECIPIENT NATIONS."

7. PLEASE ADVISE RESULTS OF CONSULTATION.  
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